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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM:

E. Norbert Garrett

Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT:

Proposed Invitation to Senator Murkowski

I recommend that we invite Senator Frank Murkowski to Headquarters for breakfast or some other suitable occasion to meet with you and other Agency leaders. The invitation would serve to thank him for his support on the Inspector General issue and his recent letter to General Scowcroft (attached). Also, Senator Murkowski is generally on our side on the "micromanagement" issue and from time-to-time speaks out against overly intrusive congressional supervision of the Agency. Senator Murkowski could replace Senator Cohen as Vice Chairman when the latter rotates off the Intelligence Committee in 1991, and having Senator Murkowski out would be a good opportunity to begin to get to know him better.

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E. Norbert Garrett

Attachment

Concur and prefer that OCA make the necessary arrangements

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The Honorable Brent Scowcroft National Security Advisor Old Executive Office Building 17th and Penn. Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Brent:

I am troubled by the apparent press campaign emanating from unnamed "senior officials" in the Administration to blame the CIA for the recent outcome in Panama and to broadly discredit Judge Webster's performance as DCI.

From the information available to me as a Member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, it seems evident that the CIA provided what was asked of them in the Panamanian situation -- including detailed advanced notice of the coup.

As you know, Judge Webster has appeared before this Committee on numerous occasion. He has made a valuable contribution in restoring a critical element of trust between the Senate and the Intelligence Community. Furthermore, under his overall direction, the Intelligence Community as a whole has been relatively free of major controversies and interagency conflicts.

I write this so that the White House is aware that Judge Webster continues to enjoy the confidence and support of this Senator.

Sincerely:

Frank H. Murkowski United States Senator

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